



## DCE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 2025

### **Parent Council Executive Members:**

Lynn Walker, Chair  
Karli Butler, Vice Chair  
Kari Halter, Communications Liaison  
Leah Whyte, Secretary (Absent)  
Candice Abraham & Kari Halter, Wellness Committee

### **Guests and DCE School Representatives:**

Helene Hewitt, Principal  
Jay Robertson Vice Principal  
Jenn & Stacy, Teacher Representatives  
Christa Gawron, Business Manager  
Julia, Mental Health Capacity Builder (Absent)

Public Trustee: Trina Boymook

Guests: None

Parent Representatives: We had 11 parent representatives in attendance

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## **DCE School Council Meeting Minutes**

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**Call To Order:** 6:04pm

### **Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement**

- Read by Chair

### **Call for Agenda Changes**

- No changes requested

### **Approval of Agenda**

- Motion: Karli
- Seconded: Melissa
- Passed

### **Call for Changes to Minutes**

March 18, 2025

- Motion: Danielle
- Seconded: Robyn
- Passed

### **Community Building Circle – Helene**

Went around the sharing circle and shared what traditions at DCE parents like and what traditions they remember from their school days.

Answered varied, but most people reflected on community events such as pancake breaks, dances, festivals, etc.



### **School Trustee Report – Trina Boymook**

Adjustments have been made to the classroom complexity algorithm

The complexity algorithm includes.

- PAT and DIP
- First Nation Metes and Inuit
- Student in care
- English Language Learners
- Mean and Standard Deviation
- Socio economic status
- Non leveled special education codes
- Student population
- New\* Rural Boost - rural schools who do not have access to the assortment of System Programs and community support
- New\* Severe Codes

The funding manual was released April 2. The Board is set to approve the budget assumptions at our April 17. Priorities for the 2025-26 budget cycle:

- Ongoing support of literacy and numeracy improvement
- Continued pursuit of Collegiate School/Program and support for Career Pathways
- Addressing complexity in classrooms
- Staff equity and high-quality resources
- Curriculum and resource development to support teachers
- Compensation structure and training leading to staff retention
- Equity for rural schools to address unique needs
- Expansion of Early Learning opportunities by offering full-day kindergarten programming
- Educational technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) considerations

The Board will be holding a special meeting on April 24 to approve allocations to schools and departments.

Three Year Capital Plan was approved at our March 20 Board meeting. Replacement schools in Fort Sask remains the top 2 with Cambrian Crossing K-9 is number 3.

International Volunteer Appreciation is April 27 to May 3. We are so grateful for all our volunteers who's contributions is one of the key factors to our success as a school division.

### **AGM Agenda Items – Chair, Lynn**

Karli recommended the school council operating procedures be presented and approved at the AGM as they are still in draft form. The draft school council operating procedures will be distributed prior to the AGM and will be added to the agenda for discussion and/or approval.

### **Administration Report – Principal, Helene**

#### **Update on Provincial Achievement Testing (PATs) in Gr. 6**

- Regular PAT will occur this year and are on school website calendar
- All of them are using a new technology platform Vretta (no paper copies available)

### **Celebrations**



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- Junior Highs came to visit our Gr. 6 students to help with enrolment and prepare for Gr. 7 transition
- We had our Gr. 5 DARE graduation with an incredible parent turn out
- Term 2 report cards were posted - we are sitting at 73% of parents having opened the report card this term!
- Math-a-thon classes with the biggest improvements were:
  - Div. 1: Mrs. Drechsel with 39% average improvement
  - Div 2: Mr. Miller with 43% average improvement
  - Honourable mentions to Mrs Hansen's class with 41% and Ms. Mikitka's class with 36% and to Mrs. Breen's class with 28%!

### Casino Funds

- We are hoping that the school council and DCFS can support us with some big ticket items that we struggle to cover in our budget
- We spend 97% of our budget on staffing - this includes learning assistance in small groups through a couple of EAs
- We know that we will have some significant technology needs going forward including:
  - Replacing teacher projectors (23 to be exact)
  - Replacing teacher microphones (replaced 3 this year at \$900/mic)
  - Replacing iPads after next year and Chromebooks one set at a time
- We are requesting the following:
  - \$5000 - \$6000 for upgrading/replacing gym equipment
  - \$1000 for a fun mustang mascot costume for Jay
  - \$8000 for 20 Chromebooks

### Upcoming Events

- Grade 4 Earth Day assembly April 22 @ 2p.m.
- Volunteer Appreciation Event - date changed to April 24 @ 11 a.m.
  - Hosted by student leadership club
  - Performances by kindergarten students
- Kinder Information Night - April 29 (parent reps able to attend?)
- Speech Competition coming on May 1 in the afternoon (grades 4-6) worth watching!
- Hats On for Mental Health - May 7
- Pancake Day - May 31
  - Do we have any grillmasters who can come and help us to flip hotcakes?
- Summer Sizzler - June 20

### Wellness Committee Update— Candice & Kari

Candice's term as Wellness Committee Chair will end this school year, she is unsure if she will have the time to continue the same role. Discussions were had on this being a multi-person role but with one or two people as the main lead. Items of discussion were:

- Earth Day: do a pitch in day during Earth week to clean up garbage in and around the school;
- Summer Sizzler planning has started;
- Mustang Mention Donations: Starting to ask for donations, Melissa volunteered to store the prizes until the Mustang assembly on June 23, 2025;
- Literacy Night: May 15, 2025 we will do a book donation drive again this year.

Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2025 AGM Tuesday, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm adjournment.